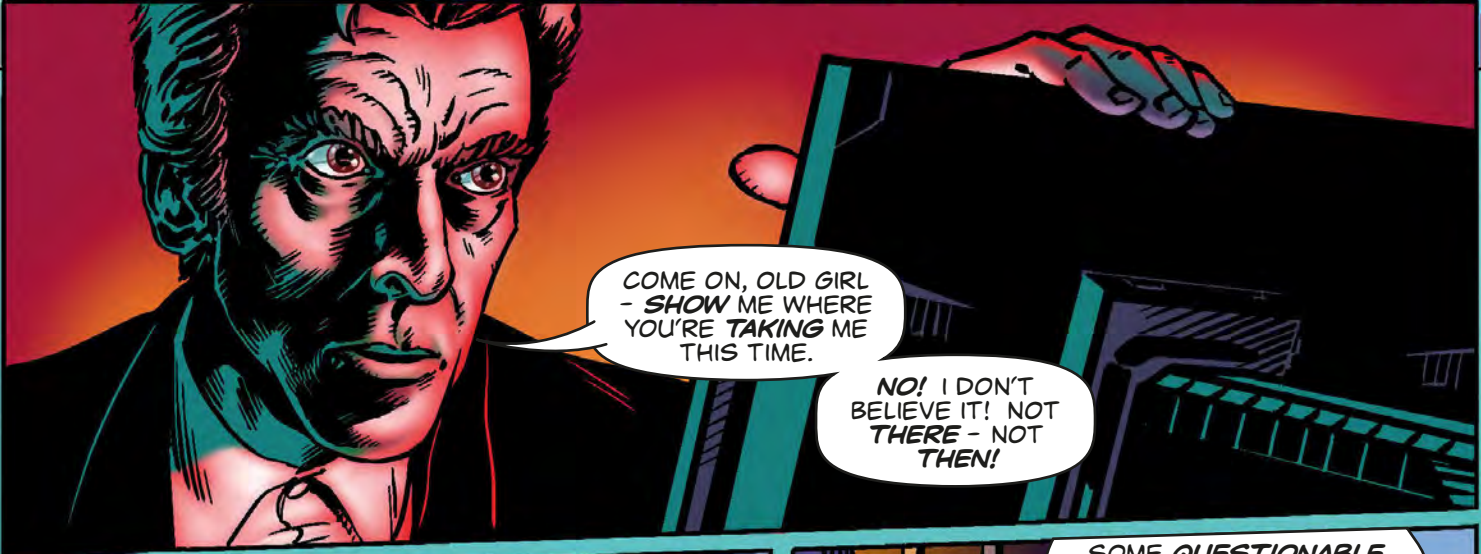


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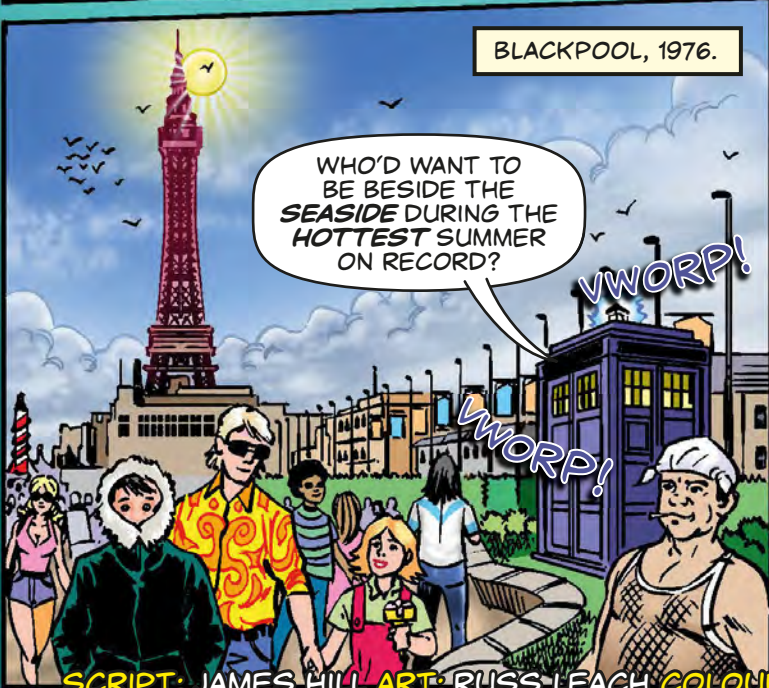
NO, NO, NO. THE EMERGENCY CIRCUITS HAVE KICKED IN...

I HATE IT WHEN THAT HAPPENS.



COME ON, OLD GIRL - SHOW ME WHERE YOU'RE TAKING ME THIS TIME.

NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! NOT THERE - NOT THEN!



BLACKPOOL, 1976.

WHO'D WANT TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE DURING THE HOTTEST SUMMER ON RECORD?



SOME QUESTIONABLE FASHION CHOICES BUT NO SIGNS OF A CRISIS...



THINGS COULD BE WORSE...

YEEHAH!

VRZAAKT!

THINGS ARE WORSE!



SO MUCH FOR
BLACKPOOL'S
FAMOUSLY WARM
WELCOME...



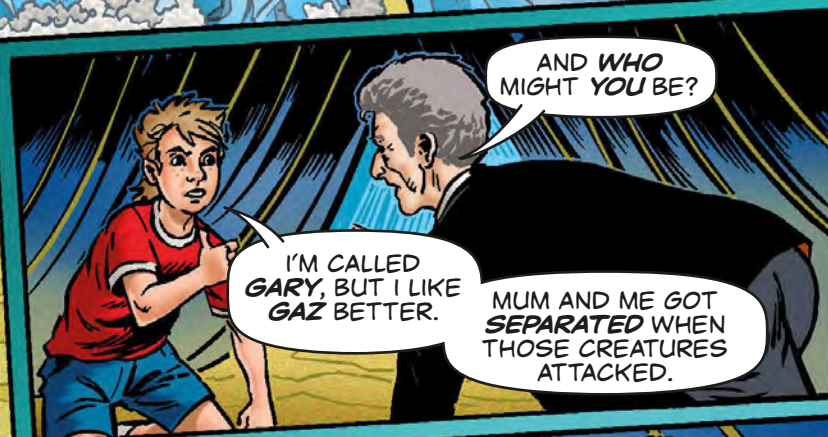
THIS IS OFFICIALLY
THE **FROSTIEST**
RECEPTION ON
RECORD.



TWO THOUSAND
YEARS OLD AND
I'VE **STILL** GOT
THE MOVES.



HEY, MISTER!
DUCK IN **HERE**
BEFORE THOSE
UGLIES SNIFF
YOU OUT!



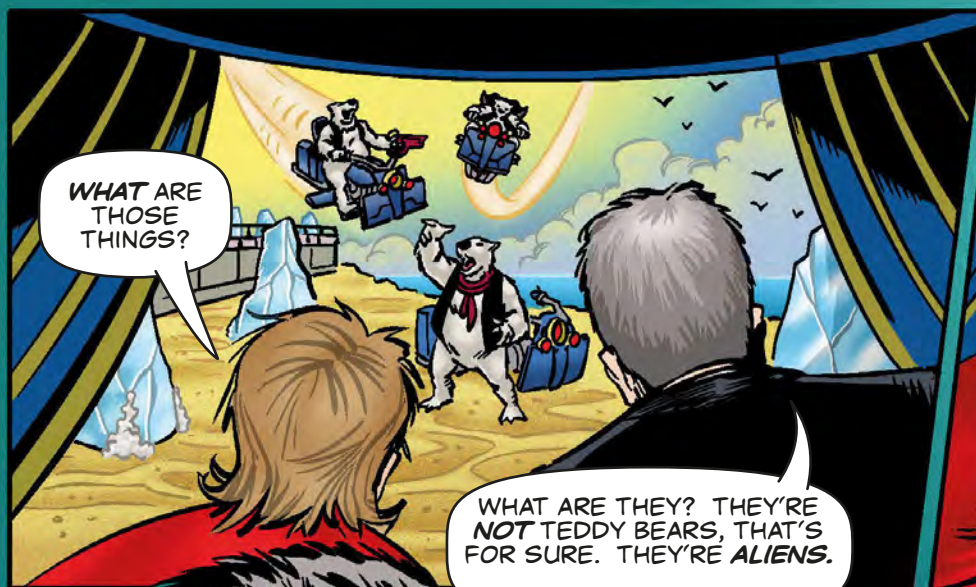
AND **WHO**
MIGHT YOU BE?

I'M CALLED
GARY, BUT I LIKE
GAZ BETTER.

MUM AND ME GOT
SEPARATED WHEN
THOSE CREATURES
ATTACKED.



PLEASD TO
MEET YOU
GAZ-BETTER...



WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?

WHAT ARE THEY? THEY'RE NOT TEDDY BEARS, THAT'S FOR SURE. THEY'RE ALIENS.



A-ALIENS?!

OH, DON'T WORRY. IT'S NOT A FULL-SCALE INVASION. PROBABLY JUST A LOCALISED INCURSION.



FWOOOSH!

GRRR!

GRRR!

GRRR!

THEY'RE THE **S'QWATCH**. A VIOLENT RACE THAT HAILS FROM ONE OF THE **COLDEST** PLANETS IN THE UNIVERSE.

THE ENDLESS **WINTER** MAKES FOR DECIDEDLY **DARK** MOODS AND SOME QUITE FRANKLY **BEASTLY** BEHAVIOUR...

"THE **S'QWATCH** ARE **MERCENARIES**. THEY GET **CASH** - NOT TO MENTION **KICKS** - FIGHTING **OTHER** PEOPLE'S WARS."

SUDDENLY...

YO, BROS! WHAT SAY WE GET WE STARTED?

RRRRRUMBLE!

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BRILLIANT! WE'LL HAVE THE SAND FORTRESS FINISHED IN NO TIME.



AND I'VE GOT THE **MUNCHIES** FOR THE PICNIC.



BEST IDEA EVER COMING TO **BLACKPOOL** FOR A SUMMER HOLIDAY!

PARTY!
PARTY!
PARTY!



SO THAT'S IT...

THEY MUST'VE GOT SO FED UP WITH THE **WEATHER** ON THEIR OWN PLANET THAT THEY CAME HERE INSTEAD...

THEY'RE JUST A **BUNCH** OF PARTY ANIMALS!

NOW, NOW, **GAZ-BETTER** - DON'T DO ANYTHING **FOOLISH**. THAT'S MY JOB...

OOPS, LOOKS LIKE WE MISSED FREEZING ONE OF THE HUMANS.

WON'T TAKE LONG TO SORT OUT...

THINK VERY CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU DO NEXT. **GAZ-BETTER** ISN'T ANY ORDINARY **MINI-HUMAN**...

HE'S A **MINI-HUMAN** UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A **TIME LORD** WITH A **SONIC SCREWDRIVER**...

HA, HA! DID HE... DID HE JUST THREATEN US WITH A **SCREWDRIVER**?

YES! A **SONIC SCREWDRIVER**! HA, HA, HA!



THEY'VE SIMPLY NO RESPECT, THESE ALIEN MERCENARIES. BACK IN THE DAY, A BURST OF SONIC WOULD HAVE MONSTERS QUAKING IN THEIR BOOTS. AND I MEAN LITERALLY...



COME ON, GAZ-BETTER - IT'S TIME TO PUT THESE BEARS BEHIND US!



WHOA!

YES, YES, IT'S ALL VERY IMPRESSIVE. BUT WE'VE NO TIME FOR GAPING...



RUNNING THE TARDIS ENGINES HOT WITHOUT ENGAGING THE TIME CIRCUITS WILL CREATE A BUILD-UP OF ENERGY...

